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Established and Emerging Programs 2006—2008

Established Programs:

Action for Boston Community Development, Southside HeadStart Adult ESOL Program, Roslindale

ABCD's Southside's Adult ESOL Program provides multiple levels of ESOL instruction to immigrants and refugees in Roslindale, Hyde Park and West Roxbury. ENB funding allows Southside to add morning classes, which, in addition to its evening classes, provide students with language competencies to advance in life as workers and community members.

Asian American Civic Association (AACA), Chinatown

AACA uses ENB funding to hold late afternoon and early evening high-intermediate ESOL classes, forming the top level of a continuum of services for working Chinese immigrants who wish to transition to a high school equivalency program, college, skills training, or a better job in the mainstream economy. AACA also coordinates its services with its partner Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center so students at that agency also can move easily through this learning continuum.

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, Chinatown

BCNC's Adult Education Program provides recent Cantonese- and Mandarin-speaking immigrants with English and computer literacy, tutoring, and citizenship classes, and as of this year, a distance learning component to enhance services. ENB funds support beginner-level ESOL classes in the late afternoon, making it convenient for the many Chinese immigrants who work in restaurants, hotels, and hospitals.

The Anthony Perkins Community Center Adult Learning Program (APCC/ALP), Dorchester

APCC Adult Learning Program serves Haitians and other immigrants, empowering them to overcome barriers that hinder their economic and social well-being. ENB funding supports evening classes geared toward strengthening families and the community and to enhance the educational environment in the home.

East Boston Ecumenical Community Council (EBECC), East Boston

EBECC offers ESOL instruction at the beginning and high beginning-levels to 115 pregnant and parenting Latinas each year. ENB funds allow EBECC to offer weekday morning ESOL classes that the agency combines with on-site babysitting for pre-school age children, parent education and community resources, social services and individual counseling.

East Boston Harborside Community School, East Boston

The East Boston Harborside Community School Adult Learning Program has one of the longest waiting lists in the city. The program serves mostly Latinos, as well as Brazilians and other immigrants. ENB funding allows East Boston Harborside to add three new ESOL levels in the evening to its current ESOL, ABE, citizenship and computer classes.

El Centro del Cardenal, Catholic Charities Inc., South End

El Centro's operates Project HABLE (Hispanic Adults Basic Literacy and English for Education and Employment helps mainly Latino immigrant learners from the South End, Dorchester and Roxbury overcome barriers to economic self-sufficiency. ENB supports new morning classes.

Federated Dorchester Neighborhood Houses and Cape Verdean Community (CVC) UNIDO

Federated Dorchester Neighborhood House's Log School Adult Education Program collaborates with CVC UNIDO and the Mather Elementary School to offer classes to Cape Verdean and Vietnamese immigrants. The ENB grant supports morning and evening ESOL classes tailored to the specific needs of these populations. At the Mather School, the curriculum is geared to parents of school-age children, with topics such as how to select a school and advocate for your child.

Haitian Multi-Service Center (HMSC), Catholic Charities Inc., Dorchester

HMSC's Adult Education Program will use ENB funds to offer additional services to Haitian immigrants and refugees living in Mattapan and Hyde Park. Morning classes are held at the Mattapan Library and evening classes are offered the Lewenburg Middle School, with additional class time for both groups on Saturday morning at HMSC's Dorchester site. HMSC supports newly arrived and long-term resident Haitians in their quest for educational development and economic self-efficiency.

International Institute of Boston, Downtown

IIB fosters the success of immigrants and refugees through ESOL, literacy and citizenship classes; job counseling and placement, economic education, immigration and resettlement assistance, and social services. ENB funds support evening programming, including a class that incorporate distance learning.

Jamaica Plain Community Center (JPCC) Adult Learning Program, Jamaica Plain

The JPCC Adult Learning Program offers primarily Latino residents of Jamaica Plain and other neighborhoods ABE and GED classes, tutoring and computer instruction. ENB funds support morning and evening ESOL classes. The ALP is also the site of ENB's distance learning pilot.

Mujeres Unidas in Acción (MUA), Dorchester

Mujeres Unidas en Acción provides ESOL and other services including community forums, career and domestic violence counseling, and day care to low-income Latina women to effect social, political and liberating changes in their families, their community and society. MUA uses the ENB funds to offer morning ESOL classes primarily to mothers of school-age children.



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Established Programs (continued)

St. Mark's Community Education Program, Dorchester

St. Mark's Community Education Program provides English education and citizenship assistance to adult immigrants in Boston. ENB has supported the growth of this program from one volunteer-run, 2-hour weekend class 5 years ago to a 3-level program with 4-hour classes on nights and weekends. Current ENB funding supports evening and weekend classes, and helps further expand program capacity.

Thomas Gardner Extended School Services (GESS) Adult Education Program, Allston

The Gardner Extended Services School uses ENB funding to build its program and add ESOL classes in the evening for parents of Gardner Elementary School and other Allston-Brighton residents. This program is key to the Gardner's efforts to involve parents in their children's education, and to engage the community, while also enabling adult students to meet their personal, community and professional goals.

Vietnamese America Civic Association (VACA), Dorchester

VACA provides ESOL classes to Vietnamese immigrants and refugees of Boston and Greater Boston as part of its work to promote family self-sufficiency and well-being, and community empowerment in the Vietnamese community. ENB funds support evening classes, which are complemented by VACA's very popular Saturday and Sunday morning classes, for working adults.

Voice and Future Fund, Inc.

The Voice and Future Fund, the partner of SEIU 615 representing janitors in Massachusetts, offers ESOL and technology, and as well as an industry career path program in collaboration with employers and SEIU. ENB funds support Saturday and Sunday morning and evening ESOL classes for working janitors—mostly Spanish and Portuguese speakers—and training for 2 to 4 janitors to join its "Education Brigade" of interns, designed to expand program capacity.

Workers Education Program/SEIU Local 285, Roxbury

WEP, a non-profit, joint labor/management project of 1199 SEIU and employer partners offers ESOL as well as Adult Basic Education, high school diploma and transition to college programs to low-wage health care workers who are members of 1199 SEIU and to Boston area Personal Care Attendants (PCAs). ENB supports morning and evening ESOL classes to immigrant health care employees working various shifts.

Emerging Programs:

Association of Haitian Women in Boston (AFAB), Dorchester

ESOL classes play a central role in AFAB's programs to provide Haitian women in Dorchester and Mattapan and their families with the tools to effect positive changes in their lives. AFAB (as it is known in Haitian Kreyol) integrates domestic violence prevention, leadership development, and empowerment into its English classes. ENB funds support a part-time ESOL/Literacy Coordinator for evening classes.

The Brazilian Workers Center, East Boston

BWC offers Brazilians ESOL classes, a free legal clinic, social and cultural programs, and advocacy on workplace and immigrant rights. In the last 6 years BWC has expanded from one class to 15 classes at 5 levels during afternoons, evenings and Saturday mornings. ENB funds support "survival English" with a focus on helping immigrants avoid employee abuse and thrive in the workplace, and in other daily negotiations.

Dorchester Nazareen Compassionate Center, Dorchester

DNCC serves low-income families, primarily Haitian, in Dorchester, in Codman Square, and surrounding communities. DNCC's aim is to promote the health and welfare of the community and to serve as a supportive link to the wider U.S. social and economic system. ENB funding supports curriculum development as well as Friday evening and Saturday morning ESOL classes.

Educational Development Group (EDG), Boston

EDG offers ESOL, computer applications, GED, literacy and citizenship classes to hotel workers and other diverse immigrant groups in Boston. ENB funding supports an ESOL teacher, weekday morning classes and afternoon tutoring.

Irish Immigrant Center (IIC), Boston

IIC serves a broad base of constituents from over 100 countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe and the Middle East with immigration services, citizenship, substance abuse prevention, employment, housing and most recently ESOL. ENB support allows IIC to offer weekday morning and evening ESOL classes.

Neighborhood Of Affordable Housing (NOAH), East Boston

NOAH is a multi-service community development corporation serving East Boston that focuses on expanding the supply of quality, affordable housing and fostering economic growth. NOAH provides ESOL classes as part of its organizing and leadership development in the neighborhood. NOAH's ENB funding supports weekday morning and evening classes with an ESOL Coordinator and Volunteer-Teacher.

Somali Development Center (SDC), Jamaica Plain

SDC provides accessible community services to Somali immigrants and refugees, and other Africans in Boston. SDC's ESOL classes are part of the agency's work to promote mutual assistance, cultural identity, and leadership with the goal of enabling Somalis to advocate on their own behalf and participate constructively in the larger community. ENB funding help SCD to offer weekday morning ESOL classes.

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